

# News from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services



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## **2008 Training Workshops Offered for Volunteers Interested in River Monitoring**

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Service' (DES) Volunteer River Assessment Program (VRAP) is offering volunteer training for people interested in determining the health of their local or nearby river or stream. Interested individuals are encouraged to attend one of the Volunteer Training Workshops being offered through April and early May. A schedule of the dates and training locations is provided below.

Each VRAP volunteer who attends an annual training workshop will receive a demonstration of monitoring protocols and sampling techniques. During the training, volunteers will have an opportunity for hands-on use of the VRAP equipment and receive instruction in the collection of samples for laboratory analysis. Topics will include a discussion of the importance of typical water quality monitoring parameters and applicable state standards, calibration and meter checks, quality assurance and quality control, sample collection for field and laboratory analysis, and sampling techniques.

Registration for the 2008 VRAP training workshops is requested. Please **RSVP no later than 3 days in advance** of the training workshop you plan on attending.

For more information, and to register for a workshop, please contact: Jen Drociak, VRAP Coordinator, at or (603) 271-0699 or [jdrociak@des.state.nh.us](mailto:jdrociak@des.state.nh.us).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Tuesday May 6	4:00-6:00pm	<b>Lisbon Town Hall</b> PO Box 222 Lisbon, NH 03585 (603) 838-2862
Wednesday May 7	6:30-8:30pm	<b>Keene State College</b> <b>Science Center - Room 351</b> Winchester St Keene, NH
Thursday May 8	6:00-8:00pm	<b>Lee Congregational Church</b> 17 Mast Road/Route 155 Lee, NH 03861 (603) 659-9363
Tuesday May 13	6:00-8:00pm	<b>New Hampshire Community Technical College</b> 320 Corporate Drive Portsmouth, NH (603) 334-6306
Monday May 19	6:00-8:00pm	<b>Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc.</b> 117 Antrim Road Bennington, NH 03442 (603) 588-3311

Tuesday May 22	6:00-8:00pm	<b>Waste Management of NH</b> 36 Rochester Neck Road Rochester, NH 03839 (603) 330-2100
Tuesday June 17	10:00am-12:00pm	<b>Waterville Valley Town Square</b> Building D Ray Center Brookside Room

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